

HOUSE No. 766

By Mr. O’Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O’Flaherty relative to the appointment, dismissal and duties of court officers and messengers of the Trial Court Department. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE TRIAL COURT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 211B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 9A and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section:—

4 Section 9A. All chief court officers, assistant chief court offi-
5 cers and court officers appointed at any time, including messen-
6 gers appointed pursuant to section thirty-one of chapter two
7 hundred and seventeen, whether appointed prior to or after Jan-
8 uary first, nineteen hundred and ninety-three, to any department of
9 the trial court shall be employees of the chief justice for adminis-
10 tration and management who shall have the authority to appoint,
11 dismiss, define the duties of, assign, transfer and discipline said
12 chief court officers, assistant chief court officers and court offi-
13 cers within the trial court departments as he deems necessary for
14 the administration of justice and for public safety. Such court offi-
15 cers shall, when required, attend the sessions of the court, shall
16 preserve order, provide security, and may serve warrants, mit-
17 timuses, precepts, and orders and processes of the court, and shall
18 perform such other duties as chief administrative justices for
19 administration and management may assign.

20 Such court officers shall, while on duty, wear uniforms
21 approved by the chief justice for administration and management,
22 which shall be furnished at the expense of the commonwealth.

23 Each court officer shall give bond for faithful performance of
24 his duties in the sum of one thousand dollars payable to the

25 General Fund, with sufficient sureties, approved by the chief jus-
26 tice for administration and management.